

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM TO GSM OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with GSM operators on the allocation of spectrum on revenue sharing basis;
- (b) if so, whether the Government feels that allotment of spectrum through auction would be more transparent and bring in more revenue to the exchequer;
- (c) if so, whether legal opinion holds that a changeover from revenue sharing to auction basis would be arbitrary, discriminatory and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) The Unified Access Services License (UASL) provides that spectrum charges would be payable on Revenue Share basis, as notified separately from time to time.
- (b) Taking into account the TRAI recommendations, the Government has decided not to auction the spectrum for 2G services and to continue with the existing guidelines at present.
- (c) & (d) Do not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.